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Dr. Malcolm R. Currie
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Dear Mal:

During my tenure as Director of Central Intelligence and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence, I have come to know and appreciate the role played by the Intelligence Research and Development Council operating under your chairmanship for the past three years.

During 1976 we worked hard to restore confidence in the integrity of our foreign intelligence mission at the highest levels of the Government. It was a year marked by innovations in the development of our most important intelligence products and a year in which we wrestled with new problems. The Council's contribution to these activities, through its advice and recommendations to me, has been significant. I firmly believe that our efforts are well served by having the advice of such a dedicated and talented group as the Council.

I have received your Annual Report and your letter of 13 January 1977. The points you have expressed are sound, as are the recommendations for future activities of the Council. I will support them for serious consideration by my successor.

For myself and for the Intelligence Community, let me say thank you.

Sincerely,


George Bush

*Best of
luck WJ*